

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 280

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A RESOLUTION to honor Chelsea Doss on her selection as the 2009-2010 National FFA Southern Region Vice President.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid Tennesseans who have contributed the highest level of dedication to the organizations to which they belong, committing themselves to the tenets of volunteerism that have defined the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Doss of Christiana is one such individual who, in fitting recognition of her dedication to the FFA organization, was recently named the 2009-2010 National FFA Southern Region Vice President at the eighty-second National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jeff and Beth Doss, Chelsea first joined the Eagleville High School Chapter of FFA, and she has maintained her membership in the organization while attending Tennessee Technological University (TTU); and

WHEREAS, benefitting from the guidance of advisors, Bruce Haley and Brian Lewis, Chelsea Doss was named as the Southern Region Vice President after a grueling selection process which included an assessment of her academic and extracurricular accomplishments, qualifying to represent the FFA on the state level, approval of her application for office, and, once at the convention, her participation in and completion of five rounds of interviews, a written test on the history of the FFA and a variety of agricultural education topics, and two writing exercises; and

WHEREAS, Miss Doss was chosen from the pool of candidates by a nine-member panel of state FFA officers and gained the approval of all convention delegates; her service as

Southern Region Vice President is the culmination of years of unwavering dedication to the FFA organization; and

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization is a youth organization of 506,199 student members who are preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. There are currently 7,429 local FFA chapters in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Doss embodies each of these characteristics and is a shining example of the level of excellence FFA members achieve; and

WHEREAS, Miss Doss previously stood as the President of the Tennessee FFA Association; is the owner of Doss Irish Setters, a successful business dedicated to the breeding and marketing of champion Irish Setters; and has won many FFA awards and accolades, including taking second place in the National Job Interview Career Development Event, gaining her American FFA Degree, and standing as a National FFA Delegate Committee Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, an agriculture business major at TTU, Chelsea Doss has committed her time and energies to a number of scholastic endeavors and organizations, serving as a student government supreme court justice and senator, as Treasurer of the Collegiate Women's Agricultural Service Club, as an Agribusiness Economics Club Council representative, and as a Tennessee Tech University Agricultural Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling her duties as the FFA Southern Region Vice President over the next year, Chelsea will travel more than 100,000 miles; will meet with leaders in business, government, and education; will visit forty states; and will participate in an international experience tour to Japan. It is certain that she will fulfill, with acumen and alacrity, her responsibilities of providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies which will shape the future of the FFA, and promoting agricultural literacy; and

WHEREAS, the importance of her role as Southern Region Vice President and as an FFA member is perhaps best summarized by Miss Doss, who believes: "The real success we achieve while wearing the blue jacket is the impact we make. We impact our schools, our community, and our country. We don't always win, but we always learn. The lessons we learn vary, but we are bound together by a common thread - passion for agriculture and FFA."; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body recognize Chelsea Doss on her ascension to national leadership within the FFA organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Chelsea Doss on her selection as the 2009-2010 National FFA Southern Region Vice President and offer our best wishes for her continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.